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**CALIFORNIA MEDICAL ASSISTANCE COMMISSION**

State Capitol, Room 447
Sacramento, CA

Minutes of Meeting
March 26, 2009

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Michele Burton, M.P.H.
Wilma Chan
Daniel Eaton
Marvin Kropke
Vicki Marti

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

Nancy McFadden

CMAC STAFF PRESENT

Tacia Carroll
Paul Cerles
Nathan Davis
Denise DeTrano
Mark Klobberdanz
Katie Knudson
Jenny Morgan
Becky Swol
Mike Tagupa
Mervin Tamai

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS PRESENT

Nancy Hutchison, Department of Health Care Services
Randy Ward, Department of Finance

I. Call to Order

The March 26, 2009 open session meeting of the California Medical Assistance Commission (CMAC) was called to order by Commissioner Eaton. A quorum was present.

II. Approval of Minutes

The February 26, 2009 meeting minutes were approved as prepared by CMAC staff.

III. Executive Director's Report

Paul Cerles, Deputy Director and Supervising Negotiator, informed the Commissioners that he would be filling in for the Executive Director at today's meeting.

Mr. Cerles thanked the Commissioners for completing their Statement of Economic Interest Form 700s before the deadline of April 1, 2009 and that CMAC staff would send them a copy for their records.

Mr. Cerles reminded the Commissioners that at the April 9, 2009 meeting, the California Children's Hospital Association (CCHA) is scheduled to appear in open session to provide an update on the issues and challenges facing children's hospitals.

Mr. Cerles noted that CMAC scheduled furlough days will now be floating furlough days and will no longer be on the first and third Fridays of the month, so the CMAC office will be open except for observed scheduled holidays.

Mr. Cerles indicated that there were 17 contracts and amendments before the Commissioners for review and action as well as several extended discussions and updates regarding current negotiations and negotiation strategies.

IV. Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) Report

Nancy Hutchison, DHCS, informed CMAC that there has been an increase to the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP). She noted that DHCS has been working with their budget department and the Counties to prepare to draw down the Federal Financial Participation (FFP) amount and will be providing increased reimbursement to the designated public hospitals that have been affected by the FMAP since October of 2008. Ms. Hutchison said that when this piece of legislation reaches his desk, the Governor is expected to sign it.

V. New Business/Public Comments/Adjournment

There being no new business and no comments from the public, Commissioner Eaton recessed the open session. Commissioner Eaton opened the closed session and, after closed session items were addressed, adjourned the closed session, at which time the Commission reconvened in open session. Commissioner Eaton announced that the Commission had taken action on hospital and managed care contracts and amendments in closed session. The open session was then adjourned.